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Alaska State Library Continuing Education Newsletter

Webinars

- [How Successful Libraries Thrive in Uncertain Times](#)
- [Public Librarians' Monthly Chat: Tiny Cat: OPAC for Small \(Tiny\) Libraries](#)
- [Making Data More Powerful](#)

This month's [Public Librarian's Monthly Chat](#) will be of specific interest to rural librarians interested in automating their library. Currently there are twenty-five public libraries in Alaska operating without an OPAC. We have invited Kristi Kennedy from **LibraryThing** to be our guest speaker and talk about Tiny Cat, a library catalog designed for small libraries.

During the chat, Kristi will go over the basics of the online catalog with you, both front-end and back-end. From the front-end of TinyCat, she will cover the homepage, basic and advanced searches, and detail pages. She will also touch upon starred lists and patron actions (like self-checkout). Then, she will dive into the back-end of TinyCat, also known as the "Admin" portal or dashboard. You'll get to review all of the Settings pages, Check in/out page, Patrons, and more.

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Upcoming Events:

ATALM Annual Conference

Tue, Oct 11, 2016 All Day

The Scoop on Series Nonfiction: More New Titles for Fall 2016

Tue, Oct 11, 2016 10:00am

Engaging Reluctant Middle Grade Readers

Tue, Oct 11, 2016 11:00am

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Update on Alaska Public Library Reports System

In September, the Alaska State Library implemented the [Alaska Public Library Reports System](#). We are happy to report that thirty-four public libraries have accessed and begun inputting their annual library data into our new online data management system. In fact, six public libraries have already completed inputting their annual report and have “locked” their data. Every public library in Alaska will need to utilize the Alaska Public Library Reports System to file their Alaska Public Library Annual Report as a requirement of the Public Library Assistance Grant. The deadline for submitting your library’s annual data is November 4, 2016.

If you were unable to attend one of the introductory webinars on the Alaska Public Library Report System that were scheduled in September an archived webinar recording is available from the [Archived Webinars for Librarians](#) webpage.

[Alaska Public Library Report System](#) 9/8/2016 | 44 minutes

This month we scheduled two webinars to introduce public libraries to the online data management system LibPas. The Alaska State Library has implemented LibPas, and public libraries will begin inputting their Public Library Statistics into LibPas. Each webinar led by Lindsey Thompson, Director of Customer Service for Counting Opinions.

If you have any questions on using or accessing the Alaska Public Library Reports System please email Julie.niederhauser@alaska.gov